

DPI Job Opening – Federal Fiscal Monitoring Consultant

The Federal Fiscal Monitoring Consultant position on DPI's Special Education team (formerly filled by Lori Ames) has been posted at http://wisc.jobs/public/job_view.asp?annoid=60301&jobid=59816. The due date for applying is July 23, 2012. If you have worked with Lori or me in the past, you are familiar with our work and responsibilities. For myself, this vocation has been incredibly rewarding, and one of the best perks of the job has been getting to know staff at every level in the 400 plus school districts here in Wisconsin. It's always evolving and never stagnant! If you have experience in grants or project management and have skills in designing and implementing project management (monitoring) systems with a flair for technical assistance, please apply!

Special Education Tuition (Open Enrollment and Non-Open Enrollment)

LEAs have been encouraged for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, and will be required for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, to code all open enrollment flat fee amounts to fund 10. This includes the flat rate open enrollment amount for both special education and non-special education students for both open enrollment and non-open enrollment tuition. Any additional amount for specific services over the flat rate for special education students for both open enrollment and non-open enrollment is still coded to fund 27.

The non-special education student flat rate amount is still handled through DPI using the resident LEA's state aid entitlement. However, the entire portion of open enrollment costs for special education students, both the flat rate and any additional amounts, is still handled through the two participating LEAs. DPI does NOT include the special education open enrollment in the state aid adjustments done in June. The LEAs will still need to invoice and pay for the special education open enrollment flat rate and additional amounts.

Two documents located on the SFS WUFAR page under "Accounting Issues and Coding Examples" regarding tuition have been updated. The first document includes definitions and examples for the 430000 series functions for all types of tuition and can be accessed directly at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/sfs/doc/funct_430.doc. The second document is specific to special education open enrollment and includes coding examples for all types of funding sources and can be accessed at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/sfs/doc/open_enrollment_wufar.doc.

For questions regarding special education tuition account coding, please contact Michele Tessner at michele.tessner@dpi.wi.gov or 608-267-9218.

Accounting for IDEA Indirect Costs and Revenue

The IDEA budget software computes the indirect cost reimbursement for each LEA that chooses to claim indirect costs as an expenditure based on the LEA's approved indirect rate. For fiscal year 2011-12, indirect is claimed on the final claim. If claiming indirect, LEAs are required to make an adjusting entry to record the IDEA indirect costs in fund 27. The correct function is 418000 for this expenditure. A corresponding transfer entry is required in fund 10 (except for CEIS, as the expenditures and revenue are all recorded in fund 10). Detailed account coding guidance (with examples) can be viewed at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/account-coding-indirect.pdf>.